

## Soccer

The BYU men's soccer team has won the last three national club championships, but is not an NCAA sport at BYU.

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## Tech fair

High school students from all over Utah come to BYU to compete in the Applied Technology Fair.

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All-female country singing trio from Utah makes it to the top 25.

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## Protests gather, anti U.S. messages air

### Apologies for attack aired on TV

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BEIJING — Protests against NATO's bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia ebbed Tuesday, with state television for the first time airing U.S. and NATO apologies for the attack. But the U.S. ambassador warned that because of the three Chinese killed in the attack, the return to Beijing could touch off more unrest.

A special plane bearing the ashes of the three journalists was due at the capital Wednesday morning. A planned live television broadcast of the arrival was expected to heighten emotions over the bombing, which also wounded 20 embassy staff members.

"Tomorrow is a critical day," U.S. Ambassador James Sasser said in a telephone interview from inside the embassy, where he remained holed up for a fourth day.

Protesters hurled bits of concrete and shouted anti-American slogans as they passed by the battered embassy Tuesday, but their numbers were in the hundreds instead of the previous thousands. Police controlled access to the marked-off, seven-block protest route, turning some away and asking others to discard the projectiles they carried.

After nightfall, police closed the protest route. Frustrated Chinese pushed against the police line but dispersed after a scuffle and the apparent arrest of one demonstrator.

Although Sasser called the new controls "an enormous improvement," he was staying put. Violence persisted and police had refused to allow back into the embassy staff members who left, he said.

Angered by Friday's bombing of a symbolic piece of China's territory, Chinese have protested in 20 cities nationwide in the largest demonstrations since the Communist Party used the military to crush the Tiananmen Square democracy movement 10 years ago.

Chinese leaders have refused to condemn the violence, abetted by party-run organizations and slanted coverage in the exclusively state-controlled media.



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Protesters march to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing on Monday as angry citizens gather

into the streets. BYU students in China watched in dismay as Chinese TV stations

broadcasted anti-U.S. and anti-NATO messages.

## Anti-NATO messages broadcast in China

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China's largest television station, CCTV, broadcast 25 minutes of non-stop, anti-U.S. and anti-NATO messages after the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

Geoffrey Howard, a senior from Virginia Beach, Va., majoring in broadcast communications, who is with the Communications Department in China on a study abroad program, said he and his colleagues were in awe and dismayed at the broadcast.

Howard said the station broadcast six different messages protesting the bombing saying "we support the Chinese government in their solid condemnation of this gruesome violation of Chinese sovereignty."

Howard also said he heard the phrase "The Chinese people have expressed the utmost indignation and condemnation of the barbaric U.S.-led NATO attacks" 50 times.

Scott Hammond, a communications professor in China, said on Sunday they were awakened to what

sounded like a football game with sounds of protesting and chants.

Hammond said although the media protests are sponsored by political parties, the people's anger and hurt are sincere. Hammond said state-controlled media play a big part in the miscommunication to the people of China about NATO and the United States.

Both Hammond and Howard said there has been no news in local Chinese television of President Clinton's apology to China.

"Because of the Internet, most of us knew President Clinton apologized to the Chinese people, but one of the girls who was just watching the TV didn't know," Howard said.

Howard also said many of his Chinese friends had access to the Internet and knew Clinton had apologized but were not sure if the bombing was inten-

tional. Hammond said he heard that an elderly Chinese couple who was sent from BYU to China to teach English had rocks thrown through the couple's window.

Jeff Ringer, the assistant director of the David M. Kennedy Center, said the demonstrations are very real and there is a lot of anger, but it is not as widespread as the television media is portraying it to be.

Ringer said the Chinese are opposed to countries being involved in other countries' internal affairs. He said the Chinese could be against the United States because of U.S. involvement in Kosovo.

Hammond added the Chinese hosts are wonderful but are upset and hurt by all of the protesting. Hammond also mentioned any U.S.-associated businesses like McDonald's and Burger King are closed because of the unrest.

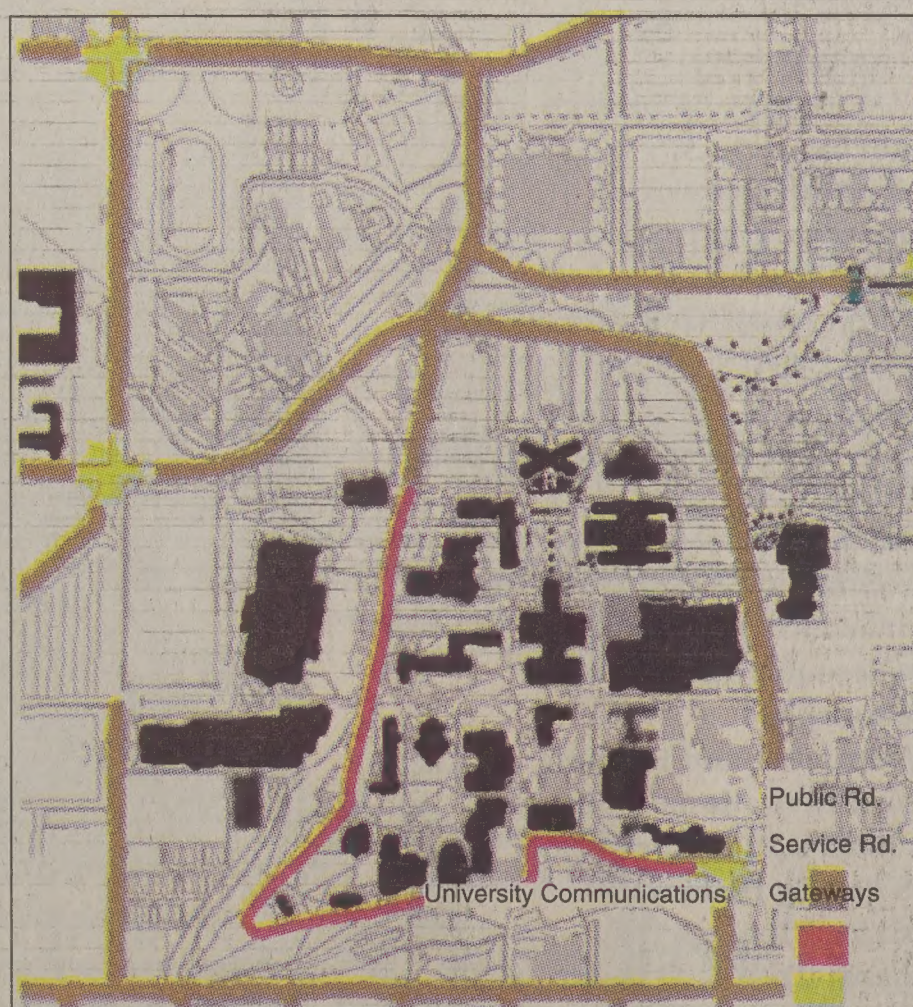
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—Geoffrey Howard  
BYU student

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## South Campus Drive closes

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said Brad W. Farnsworth, administrative vice president.

"We're trying to set up some good drop-off points so it's as convenient as possible," Farnsworth said.

The road will also be widened around the guard booths to allow cars to turn around, Farnsworth said.

Some students said they are unhappy with the announcement.

Ryan Stewart, 21, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, from Demarest, N.J., said although he doesn't own a car, he thinks closing South Campus Drive is a bad idea.

"I don't think

BYU is very accommodating for students with cars, and this will just complicate things," said Stewart, who lives south of campus and crosses South Campus Drive at least twice a day.

BYU officials said they understand the students' complaints but have the students' best interests at heart.

"This isn't being done to inconvenience them," Jenkins said. "It's being done out of concern for their safety."

disabilities will be able to get passes that will allow them to have automatic access to the area. The gates will be opened at night and on weekends to allow all cars to pass through, said Carri Jenkins, director of University Communications.

A student security guard stationed at the booth can raise the gate for those who need one-time access.

In addition to the gates and the booths, BYU will provide drop-off areas in the vicinity of the gates,

## Elder Banks says prepare now

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Prepare now for the future both spiritually and academically, said Elder Ben B. Banks, of the First Quorum of the Seventy, at Tuesday's Devotional.

Elder Banks said students need to be careful not to let the importance of their academics distract them from the importance of their spiritual interests.

"We should make sure we achieve the very best in our academic life, but recognize that our spiritual preparation will contribute to those achievements," Elder Banks said.

Elder Banks said when people let worldly distractions get in the way, they often don't see that answers to problems are within reach. He said preparation founded upon the principles of the gospel will help during such times.

"Just as we need to prepare for our life, so also do we need to live our lives in such a way that we will be prepared for the next life," Elder Banks said.

Elder Banks used his experiences with bicycle training in preparation for a long ride to illustrate the need for preparation to make it through the journey of life.

Elder Banks said after preparing himself for such a challenge, he and some of his children have been able to endure the stresses of 100-mile bicycle rides.

"If it is important for me to prepare for a bike ride, it is much more important for you to prepare for your future, both in this life and in the eternities," Elder Banks said.



Jennifer Parrish/ Universe

Elder Ben B. Banks, of the First Quorum of the Seventy, speaks on the importance of being spiritually and academically prepared in Tuesday's Devotional.

Elder Banks said Latter-day Saint students must find a way to deal with the corruption of the world.

"Never in the history of this earth has a group of students had to face the turmoil and wickedness that is so pervasive today," Elder Banks said.

Elder Banks said many people in the world scoff BYU students for including spirituality in their academic lives.

"Some would even have you believe that you cannot reconcile your faith with your educational knowledge, that they are incompatible, inappropriate ... We know, however, that this is foolishness," Elder Banks said. "As

Latter-day Saints we should realize that just gaining a college education is not enough to guarantee our success in a changing world."

BYU students believe Elder Banks' talk focussed on the right ideas.

"I liked his focus on preparation in this life and the life to come, spiritually and secularly," said Andy Funk, 21, from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in mechanical engineering.

Jennifer Winsor, 20, from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in nutrition, said she also liked how Elder Banks focussed on church and education.

"It is so important to aid in spiritual with secular," Winsor said.





## News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

### SLC guard wings to join NATO arms

SALT LAKE CITY — A National Guard wing at Hill Air Force Base was called to active duty Tuesday to join NATO's Kosovo operation.

Nearly 400 members of the Air National Guard's 151st Refueling Wing are on call for an imminent departure, Captain Scott Scharman said.

The guardsmen are expected to be stationed in Italy. They will fly eight "strato tankers" or KC-135E aircraft that refuel other planes in mid-flight.

The assignment could last up to 270 days, said Brig. Gen. Jon C. Heaton, commander of the Utah Air National Guard.

About 100 Utah guard members already had left for Europe on a voluntary basis to support the NATO campaign.

Members of the 151st Refueling Wing will be leaving full-time jobs to join NATO. Almost 400 of the wing's 900 members were called for the assignment.

### Alpine schools plan to install cameras

AMERICAN FORK — The Alpine School District plans to install security cameras in its junior high and high schools similar to the ones that captured the fatal siege at Columbine High School.

The move comes on the heels of bomb threats at two Alpine schools in the past month and the tragedy at a Littleton, Colo., school in which two student gunmen opened fire on classmates, killing 12 students and a teacher before turning their guns on themselves. Police are reviewing the security tapes from that incident.

The Alpine School District expects to spend \$320,000 on cameras in 16 junior high and high schools, Superintendent Steven C. Baugh said.

However, the district's budget won't be ready until June. That means if the Alpine Board of Education votes in favor of shouldering the cost of the cameras, the equipment probably would not be installed by the first day of school after summer hiatus.

### AIDS climbs past TB as most deadly

GENEVA — AIDS has become the world's most deadly infectious disease in the last year, overtaking tuberculosis and moving up to fourth place among all causes of death worldwide, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

A decline in deaths attributed to TB accounted for AIDS moving up from last year's seventh-place ranking. The estimated number of deaths caused by AIDS in 1998 remained comparable to the previous year's death count, about 2.28 million worldwide.

The WHO's list is topped by heart disease, which killed almost 7.38 million people last year — 13.7 percent of deaths worldwide.

Strokes and acute respiratory infections accounted for 5.1 million and 3.45 million deaths respectively, the agency said.

WHO said noncommunicable ailments would probably continue to account for a majority of global disease because of aging populations, a lack of exercise, and tobacco and alcohol abuse.

### Netanyahu's campaign targets Arafat

JERUSALEM — Slipping in the polls as a divisive electoral campaign enters its final days, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been taking his toughest shots at a man who isn't in the race: Yasser Arafat.

By casting the Palestinian leader as chief villain in the campaign drama, Netanyahu hopes to tar left-leaning opponent Ehud Barak by association, and build up support among his own hard-line constituency in advance of Monday's national elections.

From early political ads that personally targeted Arafat to a bid this week to shut down the PLO's Jerusalem headquarters, the prime minister has kept the Palestinian leader squarely in his sights throughout the campaign.

"He's running against Arafat — he's using Arafat 24 hours a day," said Palestinian analyst Mahdi Abdel-Hadi, who heads a Jerusalem think tank.

Even those in the prime minister's camp acknowledge he has little to lose by letting friction with the Palestinians come into play.

## Boris Yeltsin impeachment to commence

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's lower house of parliament decided Tuesday to begin impeachment proceedings against President Boris Yeltsin this week, waving aside government warnings that the country could be plunged into a major crisis.

Chances of Yeltsin's ouster are not great. To remove him, impeachment must also be approved by the upper chamber of parliament and Russia's two highest courts — something considered unlikely.

But Yeltsin, who has made no secret of his intense dislike of the Communist-dominated lower chamber and who has a history of unpredictable behavior, may respond by disbanding the house or firing Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov and his Cabinet.

"Considering the history of the current president, his reaction and views, one can hardly expect any unanimity on his part," Yeltsin's deputy chief of staff, Oleg Sysuyev, was quoted as saying by the ITAR-Tass news agency. Yeltsin was spending the day at his country home.

Yeltsin faces five impeachment charges, including instigating the 1991 Soviet collapse, improperly using force against hard-line lawmakers in 1993, launching the botched 1994-96 war in Chechnya, ruining the nation's military and waging genocide against the Russian people by pursuing economic policies that impoverished the country.

If Yeltsin moved to dissolve the lower house, the State Duma, it could plunge Russia into a major conflict. The last time he tried to disband the Duma, in 1993, lawmakers refused to leave and the president sent tanks and troops against them after opposition riots in Moscow.

Primakov urged the leaders of parliamentary factions to drop the impeachment motion and said Yeltsin must serve out his term, which ends next summer.

"I told them point blank: We are categorically against impeachment," ITAR-Tass quoted Primakov as saying Tuesday. "Impeachment doesn't go into the channel of achieving ... stability."

Duma speaker Gennady Seleznyov said the hearings would go ahead as scheduled. Three days of hearings are to start Thursday, the Duma's governing council decided.

## COACH from page 1

The list includes the sex offender's name, last reported address and a physical description including height, weight, eye and hair color.

People who volunteer as coaches with UVFL are not asked if they have a criminal record.

Park said he would like to be more discriminating when selecting coaches, but UVFL usually accepts anyone who is willing to volunteer.

"It's hard to get coaches," Park said. "That's the reality of it."

Screening volunteers is a problem for organizations other than UVFL as well. None of the Parks and Recreation organizations run background checks on their volunteer coaches either.

American Fork Parks and Recreation organize little league sporting events and rely on community volunteers to keep its program running.

Ninety-nine percent of the volunteers in the program are parents, said Steven Bailey, director of American Fork Parks and Recreation.

Bailey said they are unable to run background checks on volunteers because of limited support from the city.

"I don't think the city is really doing the job they need to, nor do they give us the resources to it," Bailey said.

Park said they are always willing to listen to alternatives for screening volunteers.

"If any good comes out of this I hope it's that more parents want to get involved," Park said.



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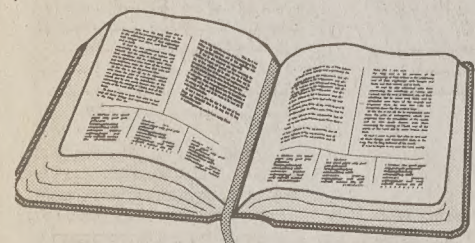
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### Scripture of the Day

"Did I not speak peace to your mind concerning the matter? What greater witness can you have than from God?"

—D&C 6:23

Mark Parsons said he likes this scripture because, "Despite all the trouble and violence in the world today, I can have peace in the knowledge that I can get answers from prayers and the scriptures concerning important things in my life." Parsons, 22, is from London and is majoring in business.



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## High schoolers compete at Y

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School students from all over competed in the Applied Arts Fair on Monday and Tuesday at the William H. Snell and the Wilkinson Student Center.

The fair pitted student against student in competitions that included drawing, electronics, welding and other technology related projects.

The underlying purpose is to provide school students with an opportunity to come and show the results of their work," said Steve Shumway, an instructor at the School of Art.

Shumway also said that it boosts students' self-confidence to see their work displayed.

projects on display. "It helps them feel good about themselves," he said. "It provides some good positive feedback."

The winners of the display competition received ribbons for the best projects, ranging from wooden cabinets to waterbeds.

For Tuesday's skill competition, students received laser-engraved plaques for categories like computer aided drafting, sumo-bot, mouse trap vehicles and many more.

Including the ribbons and plaques, Shumway said the fair would provide opportunities for possible future scholarships through BYU.

Dennis Bailey, a cabinetry teacher at Lehi High School, said he is grateful for the competition and what it does for the students.

"There's few things that do a student better as far as developing his

character and boosting his self-esteem than to see a project of such quality coming through from his own hands and his own creativity," Bailey said.

Judd Zimmerman, 17, a senior at Roy High School, said he was encouraged to enter the competition by his high school teachers Mike Carver and Dayne Williams. He won first place in machine manufacturing and second in wood working.

"It gives me a couple of trades I can always go on if I have to," Zimmerman said. "I can always use them in the work field."

Jared West, 18, a senior at Union High School in Roosevelt, Duchesne County, placed second in advanced woodmaking.

"Now I can use the woodworking skills for the rest of my life," West said. "You produce great products that will last a lifetime."

## USA officers urge involvement

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Students want to break down the perception that it is difficult to get involved in its programs, said new Executive Vice President of BYUSA.

Varga, the BYUSA executive vice president and a senior from Provo, majoring in business administration, said summer is a great time to get involved. "Many of the program directors are looking for volunteers right now. There is not for any student's interests," Varga said.

On the open invitation, some students aren't aware of what is available to offer.

President Eric Perry commended the program to a mother who is doing things for you. "You really realize it until she is," Perry said, a senior from Provo, majoring in psychology.

Partners with other organizations across campus to sponsor events and clubs, Perry said.

He said she prefers to think of it as a student services association that provides opportunities for students to find ways to serve on campus and within the community.

Part of this training is educating the roles of president and executive vice president.

The BYUSA president is the spokesperson on behalf of the students to the administration and also

vice versa, said Perry.

"It is really a liaison role," he said.

The president and executive vice president work together as a team, but they each have very different responsibilities, Varga said. Maintaining the student association and making sure everything runs smoothly is her main responsibility.

Students interested in learning more about the programs offered within BYUSA can come visit either their offices, or e-mail them at eric.perry@byu.edu or sharon.varga@byu.edu.

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## Y music groups to tour world

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Two performing groups from BYU's school of music will tour the world this month.

The Wind Symphony and the University Singers will share their gifts of music and song to both professional and amateur audiences.

According to its release, the Wind Symphony is America's most widely toured university concert band.

The BYU Wind Symphony will leave Thursday to tour Finland, Russia, Estonia and Latvia. The

ensemble will also represent the United States in an international celebration of band music in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The symphony's 45 members perform pieces arranged for wind orchestras, consisting of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.

Most of the performers are from the BYU Philharmonic Orchestra and are pursuing degrees in music, either in performance, composition or in music education.

The BYU Wind Symphony received national recognition when it was selected to perform at the

College Band Directors National Association and the Music Educators National Conference.

The University Singers left May 7 to tour England and Israel and perform in the world famous Carnegie Hall in New York. The singers perform several types of music including classical, international, folk and Broadway.

The group has received critical acclaim for performances in Italy, Israel, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

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## OPINION

### ACLU's claim falls short

Monday, a block of Salt Lake City's Main Street between Temple Square and the Church Office Building was closed off for construction of a new pedestrian walkway funded by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

At the same time, the American Civil Liberties Union was trying to open up a new can of worms.

At issue is the LDS Church's \$8.1 million purchase of the area extending from North Temple to South Temple. While the ACLU is not challenging the transaction itself, it is challenging the fine print.

In a letter sent to city attorneys and council members by ACLU Legal Director Stephen Clark, the organization said that a number of "easement restrictions" approved by the city are unconstitutional. The restrictions would prohibit such things as picketing, distribution of literature, sunbathing, smoking, playing music and any disorderly speech, dress or conduct.

Clark said the issue is not as simple as most people are inclined to make it. While the plaza has been purchased and will be funded by the church, Clark said the area should be treated as a public park.

Clark said he believes the restrictions are unconstitutional for two reasons. 1) The city cannot delegate such broad discretion to a particular religious institution. 2) The provisions are vague and overlybroad, presenting a "pure first amendment problem."

"As long as the public has access to it, the public needs to be protected by the First Amendment," Clark told NewsNet.

True, the issue is not as simple as the private vs. public property argument. But the fact is, this bridge was crossed long before the barricades went up.

"The language said that it is not a First Amendment forum," Salt Lake City Attorney Roger Cutler said.

According to Cutler the ACLU's claims are not valid because under the agreement, the area doesn't maintain First Amendment rights.

And while the ACLU would like to make it sound like the restrictions were subtly tacked on as the purchase slipped through finalization, Cutler said the church would not have made the purchase without the understanding that it could prevent the area from becoming a staging ground for protests and assembly.

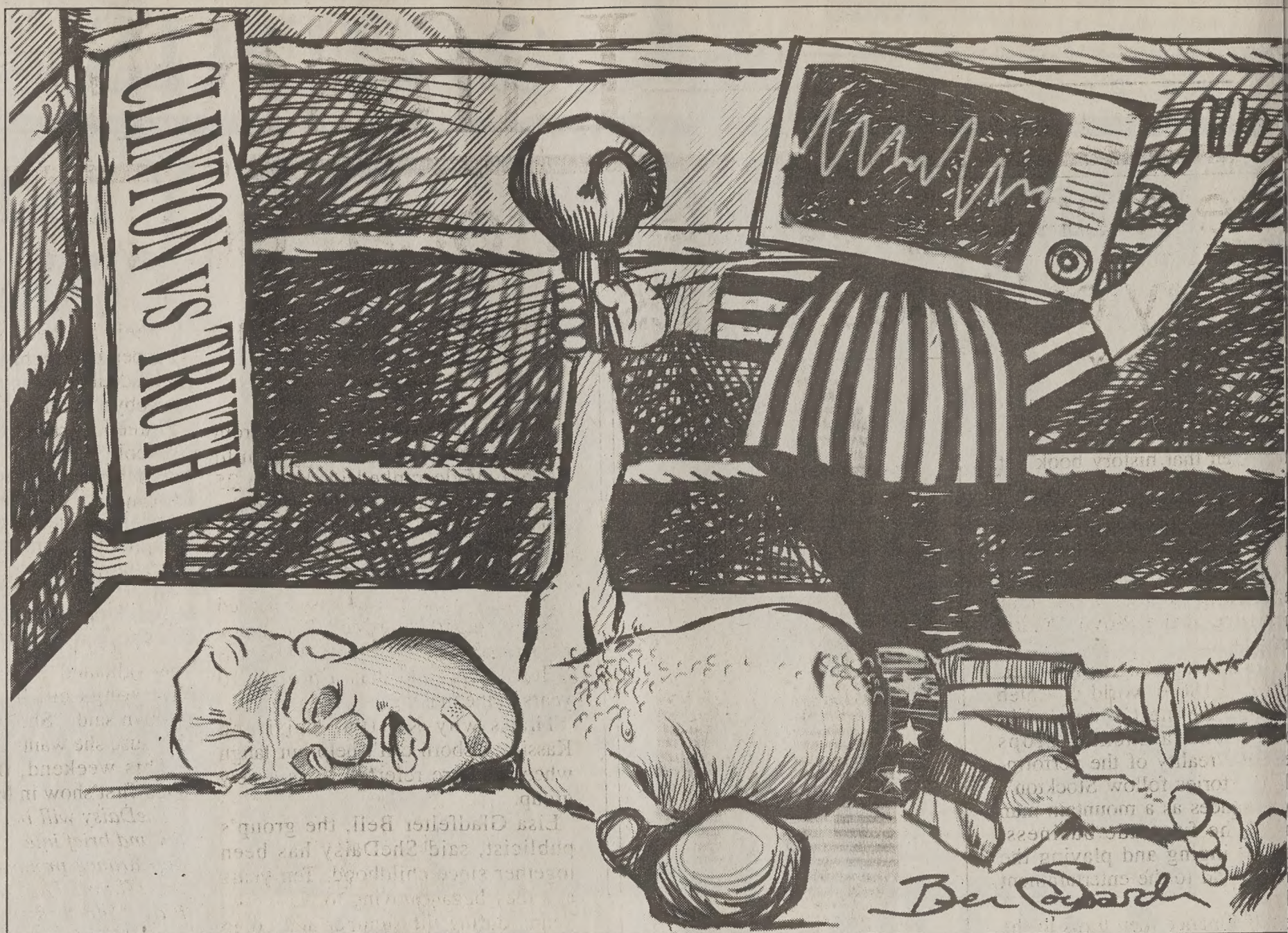
Cutler pointed to the construction of both the Salt Palace and Crossroads Mall as other instances where the city has sold the right to close and build upon a public street. Both are privately owned and operated and not necessarily without restrictions when it comes to the public use. It would be difficult to argue that one has the right to picket through the aisles of Nordstrom or set up a ghetto blaster outside Foot Locker.

The ACLU's argument falls short in that it can't compensate for the fact the area is now privately owned and paid for with the understanding it would not come with First Amendments rights. The Church did make a number of concessions, including keeping the area open, accessible to the public, and free of fences and tall structures.

But treating this privately-owned area just like any other city-owned public park should not be one of those concessions — especially under the terms that have already been negotiated, approved and carried out.

While the ACLU's letter did threaten litigation, Clark said the organization is simply making an effort to open dialogue about the issue. Hopefully, that's where the issue will stay, and the plaza will be seen for what it will bring to the city and not what it will take away.

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#### Keep path safe

Dear Editor:

One night I was walking down a wooded path and was approached by a very tall man. Instantly, I became alert and on the defense. I was scared and I'm sure he could tell. He told me he was going to walk me down the path and to my home, but I was very cautious. I refused his offer. Something was strange about him. Maybe it was because he had his hands in his pockets, or maybe it was because he was 6-foot-3 and I am 5-foot-1. I knew I wasn't safe with him walking with me that night. I told him that he needed to walk another way or I was going to go to the emergency phone and call for help. He started toward me quickly and I ran towards the emergency phone yelling. He ran the other way. I should have alerted the police, but I didn't. Instead, I'm telling you now.

In response to the May 5 letter about the wooded path asking why it's necessary to modify the path, here is your answer. There are no safeguarded methods for protecting us at night on the wooded paths, but we can take precautionary measures. I was on that same path you were referring to when I was stopped by that man. I feel much better knowing there are less trees for attackers to hide behind and so I applaud the efforts of the university to keep students safe. Take a look around and you can see there is a huge mountain behind us. There are plenty of places to retreat for your solitude and for animals to live in. Right now we need to worry about keeping us safe, as well as the animals. Besides, animals are probably more safe away from humans anyway.

Melody Chapman  
Indianapolis

#### Not so customer friendly

Dear Editor:

Now that I have graduated, I feel it is safe for me to comment on the customer service at BYU, or lack thereof. Seldom did I ever receive a friendly "hello" or "how may I help you today?" when I needed assistance at various copy centers, information desks, financial aid office or department secretaries' offices around campus. Rather, I would receive a glance from behind a book with a look of "what do you want?" or "why are you bothering me?"

Now I see BYU is becoming even less customer friendly by the library's copy center refusal of cash or checks. Only signature card will do, the sign reads. So of course on a morning when I'm in a terrible rush and have no money on my signature card, I must wait until 8 a.m. for the bookstore to open so I can transfer some money onto my signature card. Actually, the bookstore is open at 7:30 a.m., but they told me they can't put money on signature cards until 10 minutes before 8 a.m. I didn't catch the reasoning behind it. BYU: Home of the run around.

On a positive note, however, I would like to commend the women that work in the WyView on-campus apartment office. They are always helpful and friendly. Perhaps they could give seminars to the rest of the grouchy, depressed student employees.

Cindy C. Fisher  
Heyburn, Idaho

#### Double standard

Dear Editor:

Much has been said and written regarding the so-called Honor Code. In keeping with an administrative campaign to support the code, a booth recently appeared by the Harold B. Lee Library. This booth advocated "knee-length" shorts. I cannot help but wonder: What of the physical education facilities?

Many prominent signs in the Richards Building proclaim adherence to BYU grooming standards and the Honor Code. How sad, then, that these signs are not true. BYU issue clothing, apparently sponsored by the university and required for PE classes, is flagrantly above the knee. Not only is this a fine hypocrisy, but it strains some basic LDS tenets.

I would like to hear the reasoning behind

this inconsistency. Regardless of any excuses, it remains that the PE clothing policies are no better than the bleached walls of the Pharmacies. This must change.

Taylor Eshelman  
Orem

#### Don't forget logic

Dear Editor:

The recent events at Columbine High School are tragic and a sad commentary on the state of our society. Emotional arguments, such as the May 5 viewpoint "No Choice But Gun Control," flood the media immediately after an incident like the Littleton, Colo. shootings.

Most emotionally based arguments for gun control lack any type of substantial proof, or even make sense for that matter, to validate their premises. Regardless of one's ideological beliefs, everyone should agree the most important end result is to save lives. Recently, Dr. John Lott of the University of Chicago conducted the largest and most extensive study of crime and gun control laws ever, taking into account every county in the country over a period of 16 years. Dr. Lott's results stand, unrefuted; non-discretionary concealed weapons permits implemented on a national level would save more than 1,400 lives annually, \$5.7 billion in victim's costs and significantly reduce all violent crimes (Lott, John R. Jr. "More Guns, Less Crime." University of Chicago, 1998). Waiting periods and extensive background checks proved to be statistically insignificant, meaning there is no reduction in crime or loss of life because of them.

On the contrary, waiting periods only restrict the law-abiding citizen from exercising his or her unalienable right of self-protection. The recent events in Colorado should cause deep introspection about the type of society we are creating and living in. Hopefully, some good will result from this tragedy. However, emotional knee-jerk reactions, such as gun control, are not the answer.

Steven J. Perkins  
Mesa, Ariz.

#### Guns not problem

Dear Editor:

I am appalled. Recently in The Universe, an opinion supporting more gun control appeared. I was shocked to read that the writer sincerely believes that more gun control would stop acts of violence, such as those that recently occurred. It is sad that such things do occur, but more restrictions on the purchase of guns will not slow the occurrence of such atrocious acts. In fact, it is proven that where gun control laws are lowered, violent crime decreases. An example of where this occurred is Florida. Other points I'd like to make: Gun's are already prohibited in schools. That didn't stop the Littleton massacre. What would have happened if the coach who died had had a gun? If he had time to throw things at the gunmen, he would have had time to defend himself and others with a gun. Also, background checks are done at gun shows (the opinion piece claimed that they are not required at such shows. Not just anyone can go to a show and sell a gun. They must have a gun sellers license).

Eliminating guns will not stop violent crime. There are other weapons which are more preferred. Did you know that guns are only No. 42 on the list of preferred murder weapons? They're too loud.

I think we should take for our examples the

country of Switzerland and our own forces here in the United States. In land, the citizens are not only required to have a gun, but are given ammunition and to practice with it. Coincidentally, this hasn't been invaded since the 1400s. That for safety? As for our police, the officers support the new concealed carry laws. They do not support gun control. They take away guns, not only do we deny the right to protect themselves, but we endanger our freedom. Gun control is an important element of Nazi Germany in 's Russia. Should we pattern ourselves after them? Oh, and if we restrict guns, how about cars too? They kill more a year then guns do.

Robert Bush  
Overton, Nev.

#### Not the only choice

Dear Editor:

Without going into all the reasons I am adamantly opposed to gun control, I point out the flaws in the viewpoint "Choice but Gun Control" that appeared in The Universe on May 5.

First, the insistence that gun control is the only choice assumes that we should give up freedom in exchange for safety. A certain Lucifer wanted to make it safe for us here on earth, but agency in that case.

Second, the article quotes President Clinton, as he was quoted in the Salt Lake Tribune. The quote ("you cannot have an indiscreet allowance of firearms without abuse in context and does not actually say President Hinkley advocates gun control. It is possible he would like some gun control, but this quote is really just a statement of course, if everyone has a gun, there are abuses. Even if only the police and had guns, there would be abuses.

Third, the writer said that this "kind is as old as time" and that the difference is easy access to "violent outlets." This is actually true when we are talking about guns. In the past it was more common for people to own guns, but kids were trained responsibly. As recently as 75 years ago, most young teenagers were expected to hunt with the family and defend themselves. There were no school shootings, despite the freedom to bear arms. Guns have gotten more restrictive, yet crimes increase.

I noticed an article in the same issue of The Universe about a man in California who voluntarily drove his car into a group of children, killing two toddlers and injuring five others. Obviously, our only real option here is to control guns. Safety is not all-important, although media and many prominent people would like us to believe that it is. Freedom is more important than safety, and I believe that our support that.

Erin Jensen  
Santaquin

#### Keep smiling

Dear Editor:

Kids will shoot less as we smile more, young faux, especially).

Bob Faux  
Provo

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### Viewpoint

## No athletic scholarships handed out up in heaven

Make no mistake about it. When the day of judgment arrives, no one is going to care whether or not you can "slam it." And if you try to say something like, "I was the best football player in the whole state," you're just going to get laughed at.

We all feel a need to improve ourselves. We want to become better people. Improving ourselves is part of God's plan for us. But what kind of improvement? We are taught that we need to take care of our bodies and keep them in good health. We are also taught to respect our bodies. For those two commandments, sports can fulfill a good function, but those are the only two commandments that deal with the way we interact with ourselves. Every other commandment deals with our relationship with others. We are eternal beings. We will never cease to exist. Given that, the best thing we can learn is how to interact with other eternal beings.

It seems that if you give a basketball or a steering wheel to a Latter-day Saint, he or she suddenly becomes the worst person in the world. The World Wrestling Federation is tame compared to ward ball. Competition is not a good thing, because it automatically requires a winner and a loser. It says that this person is better while the other is worse, and creates all sorts of pride in the winners and insecurity in the losers. It favors "trash talk" and other taunting actions which only serve to tear down.

There are no winners when fights break out, because life is about relationships, not points. Yet sports favor a fighting spirit and the ability to advance yourself at the expense of others. A meek person who does not desire to hurt others is considered "weak" in sports. This "sport attitude" is extremely dangerous to eternal pro-

gression, because it isolates us from real intimate friendships and can give us a false sense of greatness. True greatness comes from strength of character, not prowess on the courts. I cite the wisdom of Yoda, who, upon hearing the term "great warrior" said, "Great warrior? War not make one great." On the same line, being a good player does not make you good. Quite the contrary, being a good player often requires you to be a bad person.

Just look at the messages even simple games send to our children. What are the messages in a game of musical chairs? 1) There can only be one winner. 2) Everyone wants to be that winner. 3) It

is not fun unless you win. 4) You must eliminate those who stand in your way of becoming that winner. Are these messages in harmony with the Gospel?

Because of this obsession with winning that sports creates, people become less and less willing to play unless they can win. It also causes us to increasingly compare ourselves to others, which the scriptures say we should not do.

Have you ever noticed something? If you watch little kids, they can do anything. They all draw, paint, dance and sing without embarrassment and without holding back. Now watch college students. None of them draw, except those that are really good at it. Most are afraid to dance, except those who are the best. They're all afraid to sing. The fruits of sports are comparison, fear, insecurity and a loss of that ability little children have to try everything. Truly, life was not meant to be a sport.

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By  
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Special to the Universe



## One-man play depicts history of United States

By YUNG LY

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...t open that history book yet. ...ng history can prove to be a ...re fun than reading a text- ...The lives of "Caleb Stockton, ...tain Man" and "Patrick ...Patriot" are relived through ...el Jesse Bennett's one-man ...formance at the Provo Theatre ...any.

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...ett's portrayal of Stockton ...nry are professional, skilled, ...ning, humorous and intellec- ...stimulating. His storytelling ...are delightful and captivat-

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Photo courtesy of Provo Theatre Company

Michael Jesse Bennet, dressed as Caleb Stockton for "Caleb Stockton, Mountain Man," gives a one-man performance depicting the lives of Stockton and Patrick Henry at the Provo Theatre Company.

### Theater Review



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By JENNIFER SVENDSEN

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You wouldn't think three girls from Magna, Salt Lake County would have a single ranked in the top 25 and would continue to climb on the country charts. The song is ranked No. 5 on SoundScan's Country Singles Sales Chart.

In fact, the group SheDaisy released its first record this week. The name of the album is "THE WHOLE SHEBANG," and it is a project 10 years in the making.

That's why Kristyn, Kelsi and Cassidy Osborn can't help but laugh when they are referred to as a new group.

Lisa Gladfelter Bell, the group's publicist, said SheDaisy has been together since childhood. Ten years ago they began moving to Nashville, Tenn., during the summer and going back home to Utah for school in the fall. Finally, the sisters stayed in Nashville permanently to pursue a record deal.

After two months and a lot of small starts, the group received a record deal that eventually fell through.

According to Kelsi, at the time the group was too young to get discour- aged.

"At that age, nothing can slow you down," she said. "We felt like we really had something and that we had a dream worth pursuing."

The girls' mother, Robyn Osborn, said Kelsi is the one that got the group going.

"She pioneered this whole thing," Robyn said. "When she was three years old, we gave her a little singing machine with a microphone. She'd stand in front of our full length mir- ror and sing."

In the early years, the group per- formed at parties and church func- tions. The girls eventually played gigs in the Salt Lake City area and throughout the Western United States. They also sang the national anthem at sporting events in Utah.

Their mother said success didn't happen overnight for the girls; it was a gradual process.

Robyn said her daughters were able to keep fairly normal lives in high school. They all attended and gradu- ated from Cyprus High School in Magna.

Each girl has her own role in the group. Cassidy usually sings lead vocals for the trio. Kristyn, 28, has either written or co-written all of the songs on the album.

"Kristyn wants to see her song writ- ing validated ... she would like to see her songs cut by another artist," Robyn said. "She'll stay in Nashville because she wants to persist writing."

This weekend, the group will do their first show in Michigan.

SheDaisy will be available for pho- tos and brief interviews at an in-store appearance promoting the release of the album. They will be at Media Play, 5546 S. Redwood Road in Salt Lake City from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

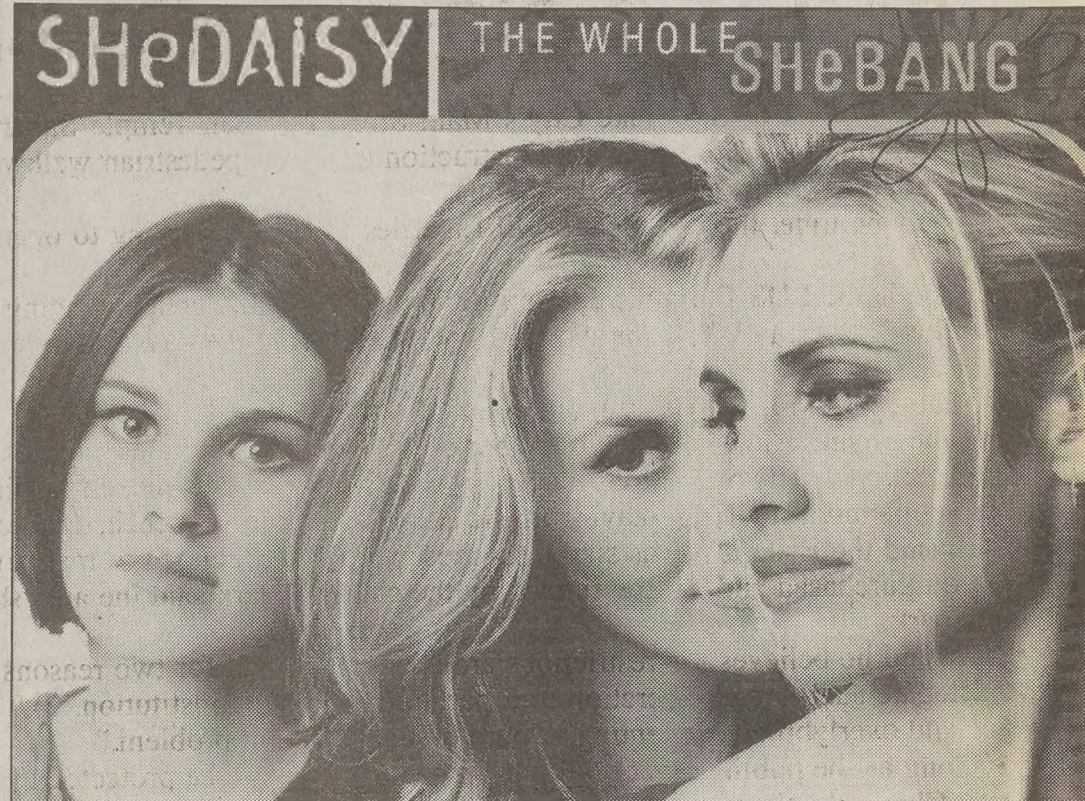


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SheDaisy's first album features a hit that's made it to the top 25 on the country charts. The album was released this week.

## Saturday Safari is a hunt for facts

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...dents are lending a hand by ...ing for Saturday Safari ...his spring and summer on ...from 9:30 a.m. to noon at ...e L. Bean Life Science

...ses offer a variety of les- ...ng from the formation of ...ian Islands to the reasons ...n animals have spines and

...Safari classes are offered ...n ages five to 10 for an \$8 ...er class. The fee is paid at ...ation a week before each

...Safari volunteers are ...U students who research a ...g the week and then teach ...Saturday.

...would have had something ...when I was young," said ...eley, a senior Saturday ...unteer from Freemont,

...ring in biology teaching. ...ng India" is the topic for ...ay's class. Kids will learn ...s land and creatures. On

...participants will learn about ...an Islands, how they were ...what makes them unique ...a. On June 5, Saturday ...ipants will learn all about ...where they live, what they ...n catch butterflies.

...e's class is titled "Sense-

ational," kids will learn how different animals use their five senses to survive in the wild. On June 26th, Saturday Safari participants will learn about animals other than birds that fly such as foxes, squirrels and monkeys.

On July 10th, kids will take a close look at the world around them through magnifying glasses and microscopes during the "Look at That" session. July 17th's "Yellow Submarine" class will have participants exploring life on the ocean floor. "Prickly Animals" will be the topic for July 31st's class and will focus on why certain animals are covered with spines and prickles.

Saturday Safari is also a hands-on experience. Participants make cotton

ball monkeys clinging to licorice vines, balloon octopus with yarn legs and paper frogs.

The museum hosts innumerable stuffed animals donated mostly by Monte L. Bean himself and others.

One of the rarest stuffed animals in the museum is a Liger. The Liger is the result of a female lion and a male tiger mating. There are also stuffed rhinos, moose, several varieties of deer, insects and many more.

Several live ani- mals also make their home at the Bean Museum. These animals include iguanas, snakes, toads and lizards.

To become a volunteer or register a child in the Saturday Safari program, call the Bean Museum at (801) 378-5051 or the Campus Involvement Center at (801) 378-8686.

"I wish I would have had something like this when I was young."

— Alison Neeley,  
Saturday Safari volunteer



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Dr. Brent W. Webb

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Dr. Brent W. Webb is a native of Lehi, Utah. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from BYU and his PhD in the same discipline from Purdue. He joined the BYU faculty in 1986.

Professor Webb has held his current position as executive director of BYU's Office of Research and Creative Activities since 1996. Author of more than 100 publications, he has attracted over \$3 million in externally funded research to the university. He has lectured domestically and abroad and has been technical editor of the *Journal of Heat Transfer*.

While at BYU Dr. Webb has received the BYU Alumni Professorship for 1997-2000, the Karl G. Maeser Research and Creative Arts Award in 1994, the College of Engineering and Technology Outstanding Faculty Award in 1991, and the Young Scholar award for 1991-1993.

Brother Webb has served the Church as a YM president, a high counselor, a bishopric counselor, and the bishop of a campus ward. He is currently bishop of the Orem Cascade Third Ward. He is married to the former Amy Jo Barker, and they are the parents of six children.





# Men's track ends regular season in Logan



BYU's Tyler Bushnell clears a hurdle in the men's 3000-meter steeplechase at the Collegiate Series Meet in Provo Saturday. Tyler won the event, and

the men's team also won the meet. Today, some of the Cougar squad travels to Logan to compete in the Utah Collegiate Championship.

By JEFFREY KEYES

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The No. 2-ranked BYU men's outdoor track and field team will participate in the Utah Collegiate Championships at Utah State University in Logan today.

This will be the last meet the team will compete in before it leaves for Colorado to participate in the Western Athletic Conference Championships. BYU, Utah State University, Weber State University and the University of Utah are the participating schools at today's event.

Willard Hirschi, head coach of BYU's men's track and field team, said the tournament will showcase the collegiate track and field talent in Utah.

"The idea (of having the tournament) is to promote track and field in the state," Hirschi said.

Sherald James, one of BYU's men's track and field assistant coaches, said promoting in-state rivalries is another reason for the meet.

However, BYU fans may notice some considerable differences in this competition. Only two members of each team are allowed to enter each event.

Because of the WAC Championship next week, BYU's coaching staff has chosen not to take any of the team's distance runners and to limit the num-

ber of events the sprinters can run.

"There will be some key people not participating," James said.

Hirschi said the distance runners would not be participating in the event because they are saving their strength for the WAC Tournament.

"Even though we want to win and can't afford to have an event blank, (the distance runner's) legs are too tired," Hirschi said.

Leonard Myles-Mills, one of BYU's sprinters and the NCAA men's 100-meter champion, will participate in the

meet but will only run in one event. Myles-Mills, who runs in the 100, 200 and on both of BYU's 4X100-meter relay teams, said he is just happy to be running and that he thinks this week's meet will be good preparation for the WAC

Tournament.

Myles-Mills suffered a torn tendon under his right knee during the NCAA Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship 60-meter run in March. This will be only his fourth outdoor meet this season, and Myles-Mills said he is still running at less than 100 percent.

"I look at each competition as an opportunity to run," Myles-Mills said. "Each time I run I go a little harder than I did the time before, but you have to be careful (when recovering from an injury). You think you're OK and then the injury appears again."

**"We will have to leave some very good people home that could score points for our team in the WAC. It's a difficult thing for a coach."**

— Willard Hirschi,  
Men's track and field coach

## NewsNet travels to UCLA

Having graduated to the position of associate sports editor, I now feel the incumbent duty of writing an irresponsible column in first person about my own experiences, which you likely care nothing about.

So, let's get down to business. The men's volleyball team won the national championship Saturday. I know because, along with an elite team of sports specialists commissioned by NewsNet, I made the arduous trip to Los Angeles to cover this important news event.

I will now relate our journeyings so you can vicariously experience the thrill of traveling to and from the city of smog to witness the glory of a BYU NCAA title.

Friday, April 7. At 4:30 p.m. we pull out of the Wilk's short-term parking lot in our Chevy Astro van, full of pride and enthusiasm, on our way to witness history.

4:45 p.m. Rather sheepishly, we re-enter the Wilk's short-term parking lot to retrieve film for the camera that, in our pride and enthusiasm, we forgot.

5:15 p.m. We talk about life as NewsNet reporters. Certain staff members' eccentricities are discussed and mocked, good-naturedly. I observe that, as Americans, we can make any derogatory remark as long as we tack on "just kidding" at the end. The group agrees with me. This tactic is used repeatedly throughout the trip.

10 - 10:30 p.m. (PDT) We pull up to the Super 8 Motel in Las Vegas, check in, and take a leisurely stroll down "The Strip." We notice a casino under construction that supports a model of the Eiffel Tower. Sports reporter Jeffrey Keyes is of the opinion that the model is life-size. We mock him, good-naturedly.

10:45 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Hungry, we enter The Excalibur to eat. We notice the humorously named Lance-a-lotta Pasta and the obvious breach of accuracy of Sir Galahad's Mexican. We choose the buffet. After dinner, a member of our group, who shall remain nameless, makes a \$0.35 "donation" to The Excalibur casino. Another group member makes roughly the same "donation," but is compensated with \$1.50. The first "donator" moralizes that "making donations" doesn't pay, because only other people win, or, receive compensation.

Saturday, April 8. At 7 a.m., we get up. I wonder aloud how many people lost their financial lives the night before. Sports editor Dave Hersam mocks me, cruelly.

11 a.m. We stop in Barstow, Calif., for brunch. The rest of the group, like mindless cattle, shuffle into McDonald's, but I decide to venture across the street to the Donut Star. I am cruelly mocked, but my decision is vindicated when I purchase two doughnuts for only \$1.

Meanwhile, in McDonald's, Jeff misreads the menu and orders a "Big 'N' Nasty" burger, which is actually a "Big 'N' Tasty" burger. I return with my doughnuts and join in the good-natured mocking heaped upon him by our group ... and random strangers. Jeff feels bad. We inform him that we are just kidding. Jeff later gets revenge when Dave misreads a billboard (which, we all have to admit, has much larger type) that advertises a "Monster Burger." Dave reads it "Monsieur Burger." He receives a mild mocking.

12:30 p.m. We reach the outskirts of L.A.'s traffic-choked freeways. I express a desire to travel in the car-pool lane. Beth Palmer, who wishes she was still an associate sports editor, and whom we foolishly allowed to drive, attempts to change lanes. To her credit, she got there before the red sports car. The driver of the sports car swerves back into the other lane, but collides with another vehicle. Only Photo Editor Jenn Parrish witnesses the ensuing carnage as we speed off to UCLA. Beth feels bad. We mock her.

4 - 7:30 p.m. I am forced to buy a ticket to the game because UCLA can only find four media passes for the five of us. During games one and two, I scream like a crazed lunatic. UCLA miraculously finds my pass and I reluctantly take my place at the media table (where one is not allowed to cheer) next to Dave, who pretends not to know me. I have been given a rare opportunity to experience the game as a rabid fan and as a court-side sports writer.

BYU fans, who outnumber opposing fans, demonstrate their loyalty and spirit. Not only do they holler "B ... Y ... U!" from all sides of the court (no loyal fans were seated at the far end of the arena to finish off with "Cougars!"), but when Long Beach fans begin to cheer for their school, they are almost instantly drowned out by an overwhelming chorus of "BYU! BYU!"

The Cougs roll to an easy 3-0 shellacking of the 49ers. For the first time since 1984, a BYU men's sport has claimed an NCAA championship. Cougars fans attempt to swarm the floor, but change their minds when the first few are mercilessly body-slammed by event staff whose night jobs might include WWF wrestling and paid assassination. I would mock them, but they frighten me.

Ossie Antonetti swipes the trophy and takes a victory lap. This is a moment I will never forget. The endless hours on the road, the teasing, the frustration of a lost pass — it's all been worth it, to be able to say with pride and enthusiasm at this moment, "I am a Cougar."

Don't mock me.



Bruce Jacobs

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## Kings battle back, even series

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — While the Utah Jazz accused them of taking cheap shots, the Sacramento Kings proudly displayed their battle scars Tuesday and promised more physical play in their playoff series.

The upstart Kings, a game after getting blown out by 30 points, displayed Jazz-like tenacity to even their playoff series at one game apiece and a chance to wrap up the best-of-seven series at home in games Wednesday and Friday nights.

Sacramento allowed the most points in the NBA this season, often focusing on fancy passes and crowd-pleasing plays instead of defense. But not in its 101-90 win at Salt Lake City on Monday night, when Chris Webber dropped John Stockton on a forearm just seconds into the game and the Kings maintained that intensity for most of the contest.

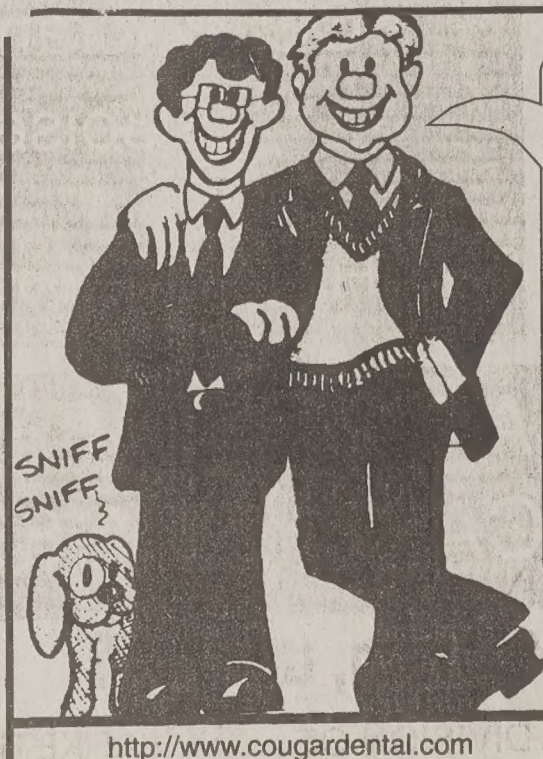
Tuesday, after practice at Arco Arena, the Kings were still bruised and battered. Jon Barry had floor time on his elbows and knees. Vlade Jancovic had a swollen elbow.

Chris Webber, who missed several games at the end of the regular season with a strained lower back, had to

be helped off the court late in the fourth quarter Monday night but practiced Tuesday.

"Today, it was a little stiff at the start, but as I practiced it got looser," said Webber, who had two big buckets down the stretch among his 20 points Monday. "It depends on what position on how much it hurts, but mostly it feels pretty good."

Even though Utah's Karl Malone ridiculed Webber for hitting Stockton, saying the 6-foot-10 Webber should be picking on someone his own size instead of a point guard, Webber defended his flagrant foul on Stockton. Alluding to allegations of overly physical play by Stockton and other Jazz players, Webber asked, "Are they the dirty team or are we?"



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## NCAA title helps sell sportswear

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Volleyball excitement has hit BYU. And many students, parents and local residents have been wearing their excitement on their sleeves, literally.

BYU bookstore representatives said they have been selling more volleyball T-shirts than ever.

"It has been our best selling sport shirt," said bookstore worker Clayton Carter. Carter, 23, a marketing communications major from Sacramento, Calif., said people have been buying anything related to the volleyball team.

T-shirts and hats have been selling out and volleyballs with the BYU symbol have also been popular, he said. Carter said the sales boom began about midseason.

"We probably sold only one ball in the six months before that," Carter said.

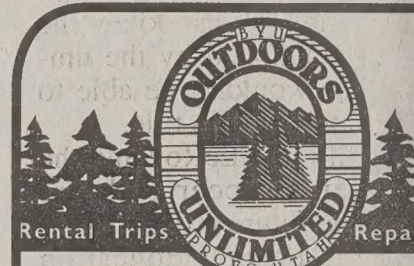
Carter said the week before the volleyball championship game the bookstore had crowds of 50 to 60 people buying BYU apparel. He said many of the customers were buying clothes to wear to the championship match.

The bookstore will begin selling National Championship T-shirts around the first of next week, Carter said. He said he has already received about 20 pre-orders.

"People are calling all the time," he said.

One reason the sales have been so high is that the bookstore is the only source of BYU volleyball apparel. Carter said the bookstore buys its shirts from Gear, the only company licensed by the NCAA to print the T-shirts.

Benny Ek, a worker at DP Sports in Provo, said a few people have come into his store looking for BYU volleyball items. But Ek said DP Sports doesn't carry any BYU volleyball clothing.



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# Title IX solves, creates problems

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LeRoy lets out a reminiscent. The memories are still in his mind. Cheers echo and a patch of tattered turf appears in a flashback.

Last mid-November when the BYU men's soccer team won their third straight club championship title. Yet, a sigh, something isn't right. A nagging tone of sadness.

It could be turning cartwheels and named MVP of the Intramural Recreation Association. In his first season team, he was able to celebrate a repeat victory. But the season isn't there.

It came to BYU knowing it was one of the best programs in the circuit. He relinquished a scholarship at Duke to don a uniform. He also knew the team was not sanctioned by the NCAA and thus wouldn't be able to win a Division I NCAA title.

He was only title LeRoy and the men's soccer club are in the future is Title IX — one of the Federal Education Amendments requiring that athletes have an equal female-male ratio on the body.

Enacted in 1972, Title IX was to provide gender equity between men and women in athletics. It has been an issue BYU has faced. Although BYU is a private institution, the university is still subject to the Office of Civil Rights and must comply with Title IX. Many athletes receive federal aid from various academic departments.

BYU has 10 men's athletic teams and 11 women's. The number of men's athletes is roughly equal to the women's because of BYU's decision in 1990 to cut the men's gymnastics and wrestling programs after the 1990 season. However, no one would sanction the success of the men's soccer club.

Title IX stops us from reaching our potential. It's really discouraging as far as sports career goals go. We have the players and a coach, but the rules that are holding us back.

Title IX is fulfilling its purpose — to give women equal opportunity in sports — it is at the same time. Men's programs around the country are being cut while schools scramble to keep their male athletes.

It's not just around the country, it's here. Not only are deserving athletes being cut, but many schools do not have the resources to provide additional support for their male athletes.

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## LeRoy names Ute asst. new softball coach

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Amicone, assistant softball coach at the University of Utah, will be the new head coach May 6.

Amicone was hired as the new head coach May 6. She has been with the Utah team for four seasons, three times winning the regional tournament and twice reaching the World Series.

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The BYU men's soccer team practices last fall. The team has won the last three national club championships but is not an NCAA sport, largely because of Title IX regulations.

program would be terminated after the '99 season. Also scheduled to be cut are men's tennis and golf. The downsizing is all part of the school's efforts to comply with Title IX.

"It's a bit ironic to me that the very thing Title IX is trying to encourage actually works against it in terms of interest and abilities of men and women," said Fred Skousen, Advancement Vice President.

BYU has tried to avoid cutting men's programs, but finally made the decision to get rid of men's gymnastics and wrestling for a couple of reasons. One being funding and the other due to a low percentage of female athletes.

Women account for 52 percent of the student body while only 32 percent of those are student athletes. This is not far from the national average in the NCAA with 53 percent undergraduate students and 37 percent student athletes. Men are at 48 and 62 percent, respectively, at BYU. Those numbers must be equal in order for the university to be in compliance.

"We've been increasing our percentages steadily for the last several years," Skousen said. "The OCR feels like we are really working at providing equal opportunity."

The variable most pivotal to the Title IX controversy is football. BYU currently allocates 85 scholarships to the football team, throwing gender equity completely off balance. There is no female equivalent to the sport to compensate for so many scholarships going to men's athletics.

"If you take it sport by sport, we're doing a pretty good job women versus men, but we're skewed because we have this huge football program," Skousen said.

Reducing the number of scholarships given to the football team is not an option, however. Skousen says it's a Catch-22 situation.

"I don't think you can be competitive," he said. "If you're not competitive then your ticket sales go off, you don't go to your bowls and you don't have the revenue."

One option remains. Several critics of Title IX have discussed the possibility of removing football from the equity law. The College Football Association is attempting to exclude football from consideration under Title IX. The CFA argues that a majority of athletic revenues for colleges are provided by football and that it is impossible to provide women with equal opportunity because there is no female equivalent to the sport.

"If we didn't have football and basketball, we probably wouldn't have our other intercollegiate sports because we just wouldn't have the funds to do it. That's a factual situation in collegiate athletics," Skousen said. "The football program generates a lot of revenue and also has a lot of male participants that throw your percentages off balance."

So far, no action has been taken to make this proposal a reality. Skousen suggests not to eliminate football from Title IX, but to instead factor it in a way to correct the overbalance.

"It's a fact of life that football requires a lot more personnel than any other sport. Maybe there could be some way that could be factored in," he said.

Women's athletic director Elaine Michaelis thinks football should stay within Title IX considerations.

"I don't think you can take a sport and make an exception," she said.

"You still have to count it as a sport. There are that many opportunities for men, there should be that many opportunities for women."

So where does this leave the Division-I caliber men's soccer team? Precisely where they are now — a non-sanctioned BYU club team deprived of scholarship money and NCAA status.

"Men's soccer is a very good club team and we can't add them as an intercollegiate soccer team nor can other schools in our conference because we're fighting Title IX," Skousen said. "Otherwise, I think soccer would be an intercollegiate sport."

It's no wonder the men's soccer team is becoming a dynasty. Scholarships from prominent programs such as UCLA, Stanford, UC Irvine and Kansas have been refused by players who came to BYU.

"We have a lot of players that turn down scholarships just to have people around that have the same perspectives of life at BYU," said Enrique David Sosa, assistant coach. "We do some recruiting, but not much because we can't offer scholarships. It hurts."

Even without financial assistance, the men's soccer team is run as if the program were sanctioned. Their schedule features a conglomeration of mostly Division I schools who are often little competition for the club team.

"Our players deserve more and they can't have it," head coach Chris Watkins said. "If your team isn't sanctioned, it's like 'get out of the way.' That's the way it goes. It's our lot in life."

Title IX remains eminent in BYU athletics and will continue to be until there is genuine equity among men's and women's athletics. But the true question comes in asking if real equity involves stepping on successful men's programs just to satisfy the numbers.

The reason for Title IX may be virtuous, but results hardly are — at least from one side of the issue.

"I think it's a correct principle," Skousen said.

"I just think the way it's administered ... causes problems. You can point to instances where Title IX has done the exact opposite of what it wanted to do. It certainly is not without problems."

And maybe, when it's all said and done, LeRoy or his posterity, will be able to sigh. Not from disappointment or frustration, but from the satisfaction of knowing they represent BYU in an official NCAA sport.

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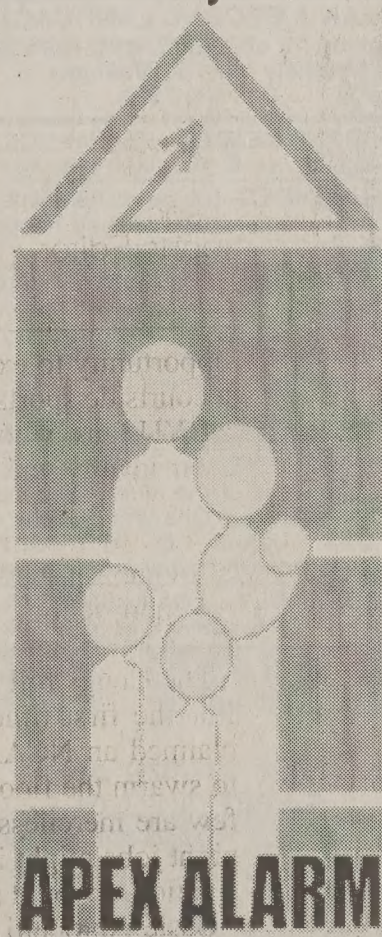
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# Church offers food, clothes to refugees

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Kosovo refugees flee their land, the LDS Humanitarian continues to send clothing, blankets, medical supplies and personal kits to nurse them through this crisis. Church Spokesman Dan said goods are already in a warehouse to go. The church has sent 200,000 pounds of clothing to refugee camps in Macedonia. An additional 20,000 pounds of food were sent to host in Kosovo.

President Gordon B. said in a news release he and we are rushing humanitarian aid to these victims. The leader also said it is difficult for day Saints to understand those who claim to be Christians can act so barbarically to another faith. The LDS

Church is working with Mercy Co. International, which serves as the solid infrastructure in overseeing that the goods are sent where they need to go.

The LDS Humanitarian Center seeks to help others, not only from the outside, but within it's facility as well.

Lloyd Pendleton, unit manager at the LDS Humanitarian Center, said the center processes about a half million pounds of clothing per week.

**The LDS Church has already sent 30,000 hygiene kits and 200,000 pounds of clothing and supplies to refugee camps in Macedonia.**

The center employs refugees from 27 different countries, speaking 14 different languages. Many of these refugees come to America in hopes of a better life, getting their start at the center. "One of our products is the person," Pendleton said.

Self-reliance is the main goal in training these refugees, Pendleton said. They invest time into teaching them English and computer skills, he said.

With 20,000 displaced Kosovo refugees being sent into the United States, 450 will be coming into Utah. Pendleton said the cycle will continue at the Humanitarian Center because, while many leave, new refugees will enter to learn. Resettling these refugees gives them the start they need to become self-reliant, he said.

# Parents present new program

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Parents are taking education into their own hands through the Provo school district.

An organization called Parents Supporting Excellence in Education is launching a new program to the district Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The program says it is necessary to the recent defeat of a 1.5 percent tax levy which would have provided money for tutors and other supplies.

Because of the recent happening in the message seems very important to be actively involved in their children's lives," Maughan, president of the

Parent Teacher Association. "Schools can play a profound role in helping this happen."

The proposed program includes a task force made up of parents. This task force would represent all schools from the district.

Never before has a program like this been implemented, said Dana Israelson, public relations coordinator.

This extensive plan differs from all previous volunteer efforts because it will have a foundation of education for both parents and teachers, she said.

"There must be education. Parents and volunteers need to be effectively trained to help in the schools," said Maughan, who began as a volunteer in her children's classes.

# Orem Council approves budget

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At the topic of the agenda, the Orem City Council has unanimously approved the 1999-2000 fiscal year budget. Council members praised Phil of Orem City administration for creating a fiscally responsible budget.

They haven't gone up for our quality has. It is a benefit to live in a fiscally responsible community," said David Stevenson, councilman.

An issue challenging the council was the widening of 800 South. The construction of Cosco in the area of 800 South is expected to become a great commercial

Traffic studies project a two-time increase in traffic on 800 South in six months. Since the area is residential, safety and access are the concerns of neighborhood residents near 800 South.

"It is in the City's and the taxpayer's best interest to make improvements on 800 South sooner than later," said Chris Stevenson, 800 South neighborhood resident.

Many 800 South neighborhood residents were in attendance expressing their desire to amend funds for the road into the 1999-2000 fiscal year budget instead of waiting until next year.

"A band-aid is not going to fix the road. It needs widening. The project needs to be budgeted into this year not next year because traffic will be on the road next year," Stevenson said.

# Police debate speedtrap disclosure

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The Orem Police Department is not opposed to Web sites that list speedtrap locations and profiles, as long as the information posted is accurate.

Some debate has been raised on the issue with the availability of speedtrap information on the Internet, such as on The Speedtrap Registry at www.speedtrap.com.

The Orem Police Department denies that they have specifically located traps like the ones listed on The Speedtrap Registry.

Lt. Ned Jackson of Public Safety said he isn't against sites that post traffic monitoring information.

"These sites can be good and bad," Jackson said. "They can be good if they cause people to slow down their driving. They can be bad if people use the information on the sites to know which streets to dodge so that they can drive fast on others."

Sgt. Bill Young, who spearheads Orem Police Department's traffic enforcement, said sites like www.speedtrap.com can be helpful.

"It doesn't bother me as long as information is accurate," Young said.

Accuracy can be an issue with sites like www.speedtrap.com. Location postings are most often from input by concerned or watchful drivers.

By searching through the Atlanta-based Speedtrap Registry, which was created by 23-year-old computer engineer Andrew Warner, anyone can find 17,000 different entries with information about speedtraps.

The Speedtrap Registry also provides links to The WWW Cop Car Registry, which details different types of marked and unmarked police cars in all the states, and to the

National Motorists Association, which is devoted to representing and protecting the rights and interests of North American motorists.

Jackson and Young said the Orem Police implements no permanent speed traps. They, along with UVSC Chief of Police Lonny Fisher, say there is no trap at 1200 West and 600 South like the one specified on Warner's site.

Young said for police to monitor and enforce a specific stretch of road, the process begins with requests from residents.

"If we get a complaint about speeding or accidents, we'll have a study started within Public Works," Young said. "We'll then determine what we have to do for enforcement based on that study."

According to information on Warner's site, The Speedtrap Registry gets 100,000 visitors per week. The Web site said the information included within is not to undercut the efforts of police to control motorists' speeds on dangerous roads.



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Officer Craig Gaines of the Orem Police Department waits in his police car at a speed trap in Orem. Many people, including police officers, are debating over the availability of speedtrap information on the Internet.

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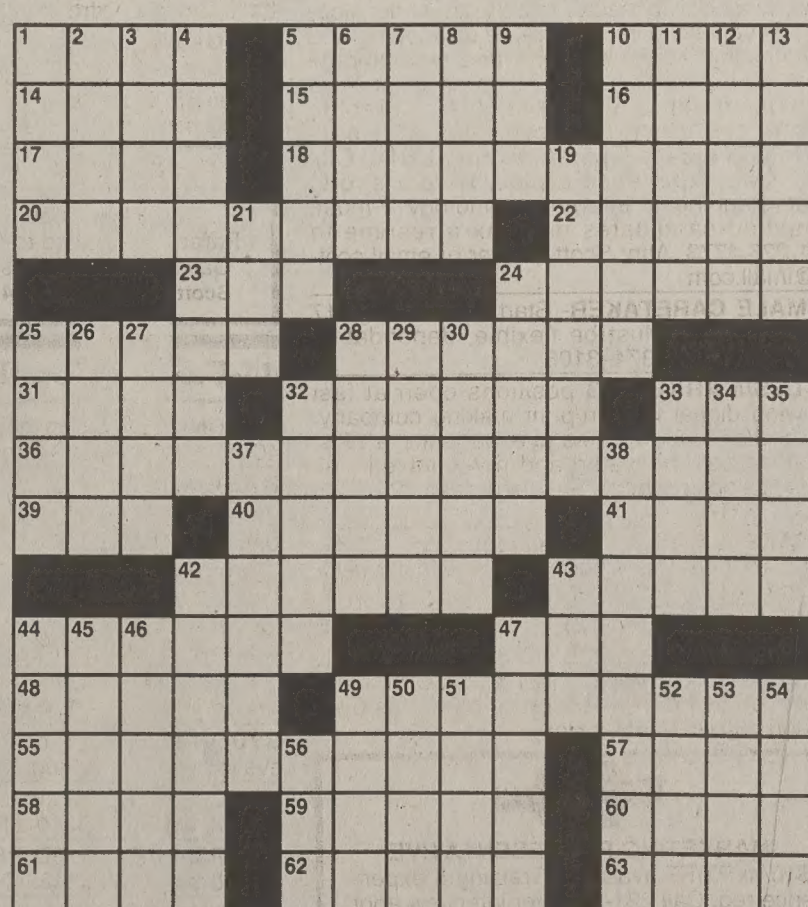
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12 Last word in a wrestling match?



Puzzle by Patrick Jordan

30 Japanese noodle dish  
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# Interns help Third World countries

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A small building south of the main campus at BYU is the home to a large project.

The Benson Agriculture and Food Institute is an organization dedicated to providing students in the College of Biology and Agriculture opportunities to learn and serve.

Malaquias Flores, coordinator of the Mexico-Guatemala area for the Benson Institute, heads up a program that gives BYU students the opportunity to gain practical experience and to help less fortunate people in other countries.

The program offered through the Benson Institute spans over four countries in Latin and South America. In Mexico, Guatemala, Bolivia and Ecuador students are helping residents grow crops, provide nutritious meals for the children and increase the nutrition levels of expectant mothers in an effort to increase the chances of healthy babies.

The project in Guatemala has been ongoing for the past 12 years. The BYU students, in cooperation with students from the University of San Carlos in Guatemala, spend eight weeks working with local farmers in cities surrounding the Benson Institute headquarters in Chiquimula, Guatemala.

The Chiquimula area is located in the eastern sector of Guatemala and is typical of many Third World areas

affected by health and nutrition problems.

The students in Guatemala are divided into two teams. One team focuses on agriculture and helping to grow crops; the other focuses on nutrition and teaching kids and mothers the importance of proper nutrition hygiene.

The agricultural team consists of Jessica Hess, a senior from Wisconsin, and Merrill Dibble, a senior from Layton, Davis County. Hess and Dibble are studying the land and soil to determine what crops will grow best.

The students also are teaching farmers how to "terrace" a farm, or to utilize land that is on a slope for crop production. This process also slows down the erosion of precious land.

The nutritional team consists of BYU students majoring in food and nutrition science at BYU. Many of the health problems in the communities surrounding Chiquimula can be traced to nutrition.

The team works with children under the age of five and with expectant mothers.

"If the children can't make it to five years old, that's it; they'll die because of lack of nutrition," Flores said.

Flores says working in Guatemala is often very hard for the students.

"Students going from here (Provo) are having problems because it is too hot," he said.

The terrain of the area also tends to hamper the students efforts. All of the surrounding cities the students work



Photo courtesy of Benson Institute

Susan Eldredge, Felipe Pialito and Fabran Fernandez work on the crops they planted in Guatemala. Students participated in the internships offered by the Benson Institute to help people in Third World countries.

in are within 25 miles; however, the roads are so bad, it takes nearly an hour to get there by truck.

Another problem facing a few students is a language barrier. In order to be selected for the internships in Guatemala, students must know Spanish.

Dibble explained that a couple of students have been on missions to Spanish speaking countries or have lived in areas with a lot of Spanish speakers, but that the type of Spanish

spoken in Guatemala is different from the Spanish they are used to and it makes communicating difficult.

Although there are many problems and difficulties associated with the project, students still maintain a positive attitude.

"The people seem very grateful for what we do," Dibble said.

Along with all the hard work the students do, they have opportunity to see the sights in Guatemala and enjoy historical sites.

## Epidural substitutes decrease labor pains

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Although the use of epidurals is becoming increasingly popular, health care professionals say pain levels can be reduced without using drugs during birth.

According to the February edition of American Baby, epidurals are used in more than three quarters of all labors. An epidural is an anesthetic injected into the spinal cord.

Lynn Callister, dean in the Department of Nursing, said management of childbirth pain is a complex decision. Callister said there are many factors involved in this decision, including a woman's tolerance for pain, length of labor, size and position of fetus.

"Women should weigh the risks and benefits and make an informed decision, leaving their options open. There is no 'right' answer or 'magic bullet' that is appropriate for everyone," Callister said.

Callister said some options to epidurals are participating in childbirth education classes, learning relaxation and positioning techniques and discussing other options with their health care provider.

Samira Ibarra, 20, a junior from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in family science, took the initiative and became educated about childbirth alternatives. She said because epidurals are becoming so common place she wanted to make sure she made an informed decision.

Although Ibarra found the risk of

using epidurals is small, she said she felt there was enough of a risk for her to decide to go natural.

She said some of the possible risks that could affect the baby are lower neural behavior activity, a decrease in muscle tone and strength and the baby's suckling ability.

Ibarra said by far the biggest risk that influenced her decision against an epidural is the fact that in most cases where the mother had an epidural the doctors had to use either forceps, a vacuum or a cesarean section to get the baby out.

"It is important for women to take the initiative to become educated because most of the doctors just assume that a woman know the pros and cons of an epidural," Ibarra said.

Ibarra said she feels epidurals are the best way to relieve pain, but said this is a personal choice that must be carefully made.

Even with the small risks associated with epidurals, many women continue to use them to reduce childbirth pain.

Analís Enriquez, 25, a senior from Cayey, Puerto Rico, majoring in audiology speech language pathology, said she decided to have an epidural after eight hours of labor.

Enriquez said neither she nor her baby experienced any side effects. She said in the future she will only have any epidural if the labor is long.

## Planning commission to vote on Kuhni plant

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The dispute between Provo residents, the planning and zoning commission and the Kuhni and Son animal removal plant may come to an end Tuesday night at the Provo planning and commission meeting.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Council chambers in the Provo City Center. It is expected to be the conclusion of the four-month vigil to renew the plant's license.

Kuhni's animal carcass removal plant, which uses over 30,000 pounds of leftover animal parts in five days, has been an issue because of the smell the plant produces. The plant hopes to expand, but residents living in the East Bay area want the company to control the odor first.

MeriAnn Farnsworth, a resident of the area, said she can smell the company from a couple miles away; a smell she described as nauseating.

Richard Secrist, Provo planning and commission director, said the meeting could have a wide range of turnouts. Secrist said if the plant can't change they may have to relocate.

However, Kevin Kuhni, president of Kuhni and Sons, said the smell may not be coming from them at all since there is a sewage plant and an old dump in the area. Kuhni said his company has already begun to do what a professional consultant hired by the city suggested in January.

But Secrist said these changes are not enough. Secrist said at the meet-

ing the planning committee will give the plant six months to follow all of the recommendations made by the consultant or have their permit revoked.

The planning committee will also suggest a city ordinance to adopt new standards in six month's time for the city's animal rendering programs, Secrist said. He also said they will suggest the Kuhni expansion be discontinued until all actions are fully complied to.

Kuhni said he wasn't certain what to expect at the meeting.

Representatives from both sides will be able to speak at the meeting. The meeting will then be open to public opinion. Following the debate, the planning commission may make a decision.

Secrist said the decision could vary from the acceptance of the planning and commission's recommendation to the revoking of the permit of the Kuhni plant. The meeting could possibly be continued to a further hearing.

For several years, complaints about the plant have been on and off, Secrist said. Kuhni said that the company only received one complaint until last fall.

Last January, the first hearing was held when the Kuhni company applied for a renewed permit and an expansion of their building. Residents of Provo objected to its expansion because the company did not following their original plan to remove 90 percent of the odor when the last permit was given in 1994.

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